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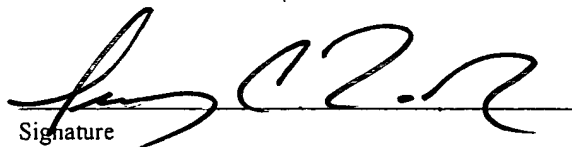
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*LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE IN PATENTEE'S RECORD*

- 1) Application filing papers mailed April 22, 1997 including:  
Transmittal (5 pages);  
Specification (32 pages);  
Claims (9 pages);  
Abstract (1 page);  
Preliminary Amendment (5 pages);  
Information Disclosure Statement (4 pages);  
Form PTO-1449 (3 pages);  
Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages);  
Express Mail receipt (1 page); and  
Postcard (1 page).
- 2) Filing Receipt received September 15, 1997 (1 page).
- 3) Office Action mailed October 14, 1997 including:  
Office Action Summary (7 pages);  
Notice of References Cited (1 page); and  
Form PTO-1449 Initialed by Examiner (3 pages).
- 4) Response to Office Action mailed February 13, 1998 including:  
Transmittal with Petition for Extension of Time (1 page);  
Amendment (7 pages); and  
Postcard (1 page).
- 5) Notification of Change Due to PTO Move and Consolidation mailed  
February 14, 1998 (1 page).
- 6) Final Office Action mailed June 2, 1998 including:  
Office Action Summary (3 pages).

- 7) Response to Office Action mailed July 31, 1998 including:  
Transmittal with Petition for Extension of Time (1 page); and  
Amendment After Final Rejection with Postcard (6 pages).
- 8) Advisory Action mailed August 18, 1998 (1 page).
- 9) Response to Office Action filed via facsimile on October 30, 1998 including:  
Transmittal with Petition for Extension of Time (1 page);  
Response to Advisory Action (4 pages);  
Pending Claims (9 pages); and  
Facsimile confirmation (1 page).
- 10) Advisory Action mailed November 20, 1998.
- 11) Postcard of Notice of Appeal mailed December 2, 1998 (1 page).
- 12) Continued Prosecution Application Request mailed April 2, 1999 including:  
Transmittal with Petition for Extension of Time (2 pages);  
Preliminary Amendment (1 page);  
Declaration of Joseph A. Hrabie (5 pages) with Exhibits A-E;  
Express Mail receipt (1 page); and  
Postcard (1 page).
- 13) Office Action mailed April 23, 1999 including:  
Office Action Summary (5 pages).
- 14) Response to Office Action mailed June 21, 1999 including:  
Transmittal with Petition for Extension of Time (1 page);  
Response to Restriction Requirement (3 pages); and  
Postcard (1 page).

- 15) Office Action mailed September 17, 1999 including:  
Office Action Summary (4 pages); and  
Notice of References Cited (1 page).
- 16) Interview Summary mailed January 12, 2000 (1 page).
- 17) Response to Office Action mailed February 17, 2000 including:  
Transmittal with Petition for Extension of Time (1 page);  
Amendment (4 pages);  
Pending Claims (10 pages); and  
Postcard (1 page).
- 18) Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2000 including:  
Office Action Summary (4 pages).
- 19) Response to Office Action filed via facsimile on August 23, 2000 including:  
Transmittal with Petition for Extension of Time (1 page);  
Amendment (5 pages);  
Form PTO-1449 (1 page);  
Pending Claims (9 pages);  
Facsimile Transmittal Cover Sheet (1 page);  
Facsimile confirmation (1 page); and  
Postcard (1 page).
- 20) Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed September 20, 2000 including:  
Cover Page (1 page);  
Notice of Allowability (1 page);  
Form PTO-1449 Initialed by Examiner (2 pages); and  
Interview Summary (1 page).
- 21) Issue Fee Transmittal and Postcard mailed December 18, 2000 (2 pages).

- 22) Issue Notification received March 2, 2001 (1 page)
- 23) Request for Certificate of Correction of Patent for Patent Office Mistake (37 CFR 1.322 (a)) and Postcard (4 pages).

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*LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE NOT AMONG PATENTEE'S RECORDS*

- 1) Notice of Appeal mailed December 2, 1998.
- 2) Recordation of Patent Grant mailed March 14, 2001.

*REMARKS*

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Respectfully submitted,

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